



Assembly... Plus!

This pack is aimed at encouraging Year Six students to consider assembly themes in more depth.

We hope the ideas below will get your class thinking and talking about the topic.

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Lesson objective: develop strategies for waiting and being patient.

<p>Introduction: Patience test</p>	<p>Our assembly started with a patience test: someone who loved marshmallows had to hold one for 30 seconds without eating it. What would be a difficult patience test for you? Discuss in pairs and share examples with the class. If possible, try some out! Do you think you are a patient or impatient person?</p>	
<p>Main: How can we be patient?</p>	<p>Watch the incoming video from assembly once more. Children list on whiteboards the different examples of waiting that are shown. What others can you think of? What do you think would help to do the waiting in these examples? Use the examples to create a persuasive poster or advert that encourages others to wait. <i>E.g. Just like a cake baking in the oven, good things take time to be ready. Be patient and like the cake, your waiting will end with something sweet!</i></p>	<p>Read the story of Elizabeth and Zechariah again in Luke 1 (look up in Bibles or see resource sheet). Talk about what it would have been like for Zechariah to wait until the baby was born before he could speak. Has anyone done a sponsored silence? What are the challenges of not being able to speak? Children write a letter to Zechariah to encourage him as he waits to be able to speak again. Give him ideas of what he can do while he's waiting.</p>
	<p>Think about the opposite of patience: impatience. How do people show that they are becoming impatient? Have children show examples (sighing, tapping foot, grumbling). Is impatience a positive emotion? Share the definition of patience: the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, problems, or suffering without becoming annoyed or anxious. Make a "fortune teller" (see resource sheet if needed) with ideas inside the flaps of things to do to avoid impatience.</p>	<p>Share and discuss the story of Simeon in Luke 2: 25-33 (look up in Bibles or see resource sheet). Simeon was very old when he met baby Jesus. He had waited a long time for a promise from God. How do you think he had waited so patiently? Use the drama technique 'hotseating' to interview Simeon about this. Alternatively, children could write in role as Simeon, giving advice to his children or grandchildren about how to wait while trusting in God.</p>
<p>Plenary: Patience is better than strength</p>	<p>The Bible says: Patience is better than strength. Controlling your temper is better than capturing a city. (Proverbs 16:32, International Children's Bible) What do you think about this? How could patience make your school/your community/the world a better place?</p>	